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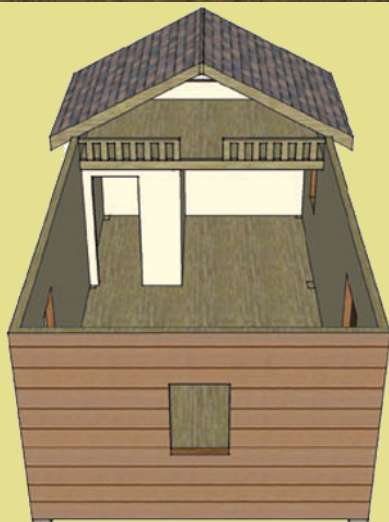
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PROPOSED CABIN



From Jim

Dear Partners,

I hope this finds everyone truly blessed with the many promises of God and actively seeking ALL He has for your lives. Easter is an incredible time to remember and thank God for all He has done for us, and to offer ourselves once again to what He would want to do through us. We continue to move forward in the work God has given us to do and try to wait patiently for the remaining details to come together. Knowing there is so much to do on the reservation, it is difficult at times to wait. There are still **two critical areas** I would like to request your help with. We used the remaining copies of the Amazing Grace book and have no more to distribute. We use these in all ministry areas to share the gospel message. We are also hoping to have sufficient funds to build one of the cabins at left in May. If we can complete just one, we will have a model to use for future support, a standard for the training program, and a pattern for other home replacement projects. I trust that God will burden the hearts of those who are capable of meeting both these needs. Please share this newsletter with anyone you think may have a heart for the work we are doing. We thank you for your continued support.

In His Service,

Jim

Cheyenne River Sioux Indian Reservation

CURRENT: Since our last letter, the electric has been restored to the reservation and the water system is operational, except for some issues with water pressure and line breaks. Please continue to pray for them.

PROJECTED: Help! We are still seeking a trucking company to transport coats and blankets to Eagle Butte. If we had affordable transport, we could send a regular shipment to them.

NEEDS: We also need your help with the following:

- \$5400 remaining towards construction materials;
- \$1000 remaining towards travel expenses to go and do the work;
- Coats, blankets, warm clothing; (**THIS NEED MET**)
- \$300 for bibles, \$200 for The Conquering Indian book (**THIS NEED MET**).



Oasis Food Pantry
Interior renovations.



Wall repairs, new door opening.



Window removed.



Another window removed.



Door in, walls painted.

Indian Reservation (continued)

Mission Trip: Available resources and volunteers will determine what and how much we are able to accomplish, however, here is the plan:

We are praying that God will call laborers to help with the work, that He will call supporters to donate, and that He will call prayer warriors to pray.

Construction Training - hands-on during construction and repairs.

Community Outreach

- Distribute food, clothing, blankets, and toys to needy families.
- Distribute Holy Bibles and the books "The Conquering Indian," "Native Book of Hope," "Amazing Grace," and the "Path to Peace" literature to tribal members.
- Huge prayer need: that God would lead us to those individuals, in each community visited, who would be interested in starting a Bible study.

Community Service

- Build one 12' x 24' cabin.
- make other home repairs based on resources, volunteers and time.

St Louis Outreach

CURRENT: Amigos en Cristo: The Wed evening Bible studies continue to reach and disciple those in the community. Many who never read their Bibles, nor were encouraged to do so, are now seeing and learning God's Word for themselves. Weekly services also continue at the church on Sunday.

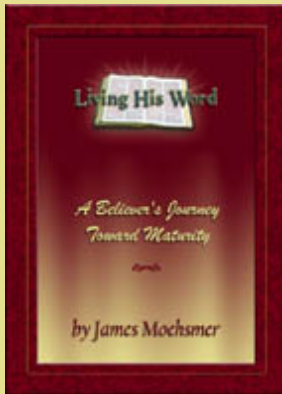
Colombia: the pastors and churches continue to reach out to the families who received food donations at Christmas.

Oasis Food Pantry and Thrift Store: One building has been painted and another is almost ready for paint. We have gone through 16 five gallon buckets of joint compound to get the walls and ceilings ready. We provided the **last** of our Amazing Grace books to be distributed to users of the pantry. With the economy as it is, the pantry is now serving over 500 families each month.

PROJECTED: Work at Oasis will continue to help restore buildings. In partnership with the Amigos en Cristo, we want to partner with the pastor of the 25 member church in Colombia to provide Christian literature, resources, and encouragement as they reach out to their community. We also plan to continue sharing God's message of salvation here in the Hispanic community to help others develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. In doing so, we hope to develop other Bible studies/house churches and true Christian community with those God brings into our path.

NEEDS: We need your **help** with the following:

- **English to Spanish translators for articles.**
- On-going financial donations to provide food to the poor in Girardot, Columbia.



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Amazing Grace



Book of Indian testimonies.



Oasis: old window removed from left corner of wall and new one centered.

Spiritual Growth

CURRENT: Our website has a variety of resources for believers of all levels including the book **Amazing Grace**; the book **Living His Word, A Believer's Journey Toward Maturity**; a **Leadership Series**; and over 160 **Spiritual Growth** articles. We offer these free, to be printed, e-mailed, and used in whatever way necessary to share God's Word with others. We can't stop when someone receives salvation. God tells us to make disciples (Matt 28:19).

PROJECTED: We will continue to add articles to the articles index. We will also place more articles in Spanish on the site once translated.

NEEDS: We need your **help** with the following:

- **The shelves are empty.** Anything will help toward acquiring more. Amazing Grace Books - \$2200 (to support US ministry to Indian reservation, homeless shelters, women's shelters and food pantries).

Thoughts to grow on: Jesus tells us: "*Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls*" (Matt 11:28-29). Here is one I'm sure we've all ready many times. But I would like to consider just two points of what we are told: one thing we are told is to come to Him, and another we are told is to learn from Him. How often are we willing to come to Him, but decide to go no farther? We want the part He has for us, but not the part that takes an effort from us – the learning.

We must move beyond accepting God's salvation and also accept Him as Lord. In the book, *When God Breaks Through*, Vance Havner says "I think we preachers have unwittingly created an artificial distinction between accepting Jesus as Savior and confessing Him as Lord. We've made two things out of it, and it's not, it's all one. A great many people today have the idea that I can take the free part, salvation. I'll take Jesus as Savior. I don't want to go to hell. I'll not take Him as Lord now. I'll think it over and maybe sometime I'll take Him as Lord. This causes our churches to be filled with baptized pagans living double lives — fearing the Lord and serving their own gods, drawing near Him with their mouths while their hearts are far from Him. We have only one choice in the world. You can take Him or not take Him. Once you take Him, your option ends there. From then on you become the personal property of Jesus Christ, bought and paid for by His blood."

"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me" (Gal 2:20). If we are to move beyond just coming to Jesus and begin to learn from Him, we must accept that He is Lord, and we are not our own. Not only did God purchase us at a high price, He replaced the old us with a new creation. *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"* (2 Cor 5:17).

Let's face it, the new us has needs. Even if we don't know it, we have an uncontrollable hunger for a closer relationship with God that the Spirit within us is just waiting to feed. LET THE "NEW" US EAT!! We need to open God's Word, read it, learn from it, and recognize what He wants to do through us. God places opportunities **BOLDLY** before us to serve others, to reach others, and to share His message. What do we do with them?



Oasis: another building ready for paint.



Ready for paint.



Ready for paint.

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Ways You Can Help

Not everyone is called to go on a mission trip, BUT everyone IS called to help reach the lost. There are many ways you can do that. One is to provide help for those who are called to go but do not have the funds. Another is to provide for construction materials that will be needed for the work to be done on our trips, or to provide food and clothing. You can also help us spread the word about what we are involved in so others may join us. For those who are able to provide financial donations, please remember that everything helps, from small amount to large amounts. No gift is too small for God to use. Please consider the needs listed here and visit our website for more details: LivingHisWordMinistries.org and click on the icons of interest under "Ministry Outreaches."

Prayer Requests

The success of our work for God is directly connected to the amount of prayer and prayer support it receives. God provides many opportunities for us in the world to serve and help where needed. God did not make us all the same, nor did He place the same desires and burdens on everyone's heart. Our prayer is that through our ministry, there will be some effort, some opportunity, or some need that specifically touches your heart. When it does, God has burdened your heart to get involved. Your help then enables us to be the hands and feet to carry out that work. Please continue to pray for all the outreaches and efforts as we move forward to complete God's work. Thank you for praying for Living His Word Ministries.

Ministry Thought

What did we do with what God gave us (Matt 25:14-30)? What did He have in mind as He ordained all of our days before one of them came to be (Ps 139:16)? What purpose did He want us to carry out as He established the exact times and places we were to live (Acts 17:26)? As individuals, what kind of work did God prepare in advance for us to do (Eph 2:10)? How does all of that fit US, when He commands us to go and make disciples of all nations (Matt 28:19-20)? What will WE do for the kingdom of God?

Volunteer Opportunities

Project: Mission Trip to Cheyenne River Indian Reservation, Eagle Butte, SD.

Project: Oasis Food Pantry needs help with multiple projects.

Project: English to Spanish translators for articles.

Project: Mission Trip to San Pedro Las Huertas, Guatemala (see website).

Prayer Support: for all ministry areas.

Financial Support: for all ministry needs.

Thank You For Whatever You Can Do

On behalf of those in need, we THANK YOU !

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